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Cedar Lane Ribbon Cutting

On Friday, August 28, 2015, at 10 a.m., the City of Norman in collaboration with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) will conduct a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Cedar Lane Road Improvement Project between 12th Avenue SE and 36th Avenue SE. Representatives from the City, ODOT and ACOG will be in attendance and make brief remarks. The public is welcome to attend. The ceremony will take place on the southeast corner of 12th Avenue SE and Cedar Lane Road. Parking will be available at the same location.

The 1.5 mile Cedar Lane Road Improvement Project between 12th Avenue SE and 36th Avenue SE is a \$9.8 million street improvement project sponsored by the City of Norman. Funding for this project has been provided through general obligation bond funds administered by the City of Norman and federal transportation funds administered by the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT). Approximately 35% of the project costs are being paid by the City and 65% of the costs are being paid with federal transportation funds. Norman voters approved the 2012 Transportation Bond Program on August 28, 2012, which provided the funding for this project and seven (7) other transportation projects in Norman. The remaining seven projects will be constructed over the next five years. The next project to begin construction is West Lindsey Street between 24th Avenue SW and Berry Road.

Construction of the Cedar Lane Road project began on Monday, June 30, 2014. ODOT administered the construction of the project due to the inclusion of federal funds. The prime contractor is Duit Construction of Edmond, Oklahoma. Cardinal Engineering of Norman is the Project Engineer and Atkins North America of Norman is providing Construction Management Services.

Important design features of the Cedar Lane Road Improvement Project include: "Complete Streets" theme; road widening from two lanes to four lanes; full-depth concrete pavement; improved railroad crossing/signals/gates; new traffic signal and double left turn lanes at Cedar Lane Road and 12th Avenue SE; continuous accessible sidewalks on both sides of Cedar Lane Road; colored on-street bike lanes; intersection improvements at Cedar Lane Road and U.S. Highway

77 (Classen Blvd); railroad Quiet Zone improvements at BNSF crossing; enhanced storm water system; upgraded/relocated utility systems.

Direct additional questions to Mr. Tim Miles, City of Norman Project Manager, at 366-5454 or tim.miles@normanok.gov.

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